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REFS: (A) STATE 188861; (B) GENEVA 11453; (C) GENEVA 11565

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTELS (A) AND (B), WE CONTACTED DANISH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ILLICIT PAYMENTS INITIATIVE. FOR-MIN OFFICIAL SCHMIEGELOW POINTED OUT THAT DENMARK IS NOT REPEAT NOT CURRENTLY MEMBER OF ECOSOC AND THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO RENDER EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO US RESOLUTION (REFTEL C) CALLING FOR A 1980 CONFERENCE.
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2. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL (A), WE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DANISH REP IN WORKING GROUP, MICHAEL LUNN OF MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. HE CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED WITHIN WORKING GROUP THAT ITS WORK SHOULD BE TERMINATED, THAT A PREPCOM SHOULD BE FORMED TO PROCEED WITH REVIEW OF DRAFT AND OTHER DETAILED WORK AND THAT FINAL DECISION ON CONFERENCE DATE

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SHOULD BE MADE AT THE NEXT ECOSOC MEETING.

3. LUNN STATED THAT THERE WAS STRONG OPPOSITION WITHIN EC-9 TO HOLDING THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN 1979 PURELY FOR TECHNICAL REASONS IN THAT IT DID NOT ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATION. A COMPROMISE REACHED AMONG THE EC-9 WAS THAT A DATE OR YEAR SHOULD NOT BE SPECIFIED.

4. LUNN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT WHILE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN 1980, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HOLD TWO PREPARATORY MEETINGS. HE SPECULATED THAT FOR THIS REASON AND BECAUSE OF A MAJOR CRIMINAL POLICY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER OF 1980 IN AUSTRALIA THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL LATE 1980 AT THE EARLIEST AND THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE PRUDENT TO SET THE DATE THE SPRING OF 1981.

5. WE HAVE PROVIDED COPIES OF THE US-CANADA RESOLUTION (REFTEL C) TO BOTH SCHMIEGELOW AND LUNN.
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